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In re Application of:

TENNIS RACQUET EQUIPPED
WITH A TENNIS BALL RETRIEVER

Alice H. Howe

Filed: 09/06/00

) Art Unit: 3711
Serial No.: 09/655,743
Docket No.: MPH 99-46
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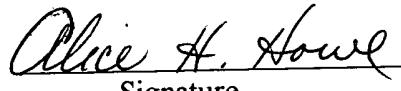
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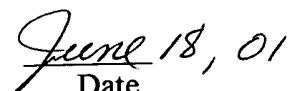
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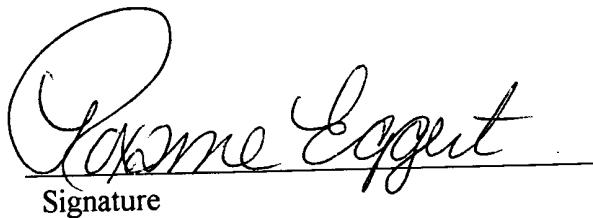
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